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Summer Conferences

A preliminary announcement of the Summer Conferences which will be held here this summer has been made by Dr. William E. Park of the Northfield Schools and they are listed as follows; June 13-21 the Girls' Conference; June 25-July 2, Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference; July 5-13, the Missionary Conference; July 15-24, Conference of Religious Education; and July 27-August 3, United Presbyterian Conference. The management of the General Conference has with great reluctance decided that it would be unwise to resume sessions of that gathering this year but expresses the hope that the many loyal General Conference friends will continue to lend their support to other phases of our year round program and will plan to spend at least a part of the summer in Northfield. Commencement at Mount Hermon school will be June 1st and at the School for Girls on June 10th. The 65th anniversary celebration at Mount Hermon will be held June 7 to the 10th. The Sacred concert of both schools will be held Sunday, May 12.

Named For Moody

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of staff, in a recent interview was asked how he received his name "Dwight". He is quoted as saying "I was named for Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, by my mother because his life and work was admired by her and she thought it might inspire me to be a leader". And so again Mr. Moody still lives to inspire many who have followed him in succeeding generations.

Sgt. Harold F. Bigelow Jr. of this town has been released from the army service which he entered in June 1943. After training at camps in this country he went overseas in June 1944. He served with a medical unit and finally was transferred to the 302nd engineers of the 77th division. He served in the Pacific areas and in the Philippines and Japan.

Catherine McRoberts

Death came to Mrs. Catherine McRoberts of Brooklyn and East Northfield on Sunday, February 10th. She was the widow of the late William J. McRoberts, both of whom with members of their family were among the oldest summer residents of this place. Their summer home was on Linden Ave. in Mountain Park which was the mecca for the entertainment of many friends. For the past two summers the houses have remained closed and Mrs. McRoberts made prolonged stays at the hotel. She was a woman of fine Christian character, devoted to her church and family and in a quiet way had befriended many in unfortunate circumstances. She was born in Brooklyn of Dutch parentage, her father being master of a trading vessel which plied the East Indian waters. As a member of the Reformed church she installed an organ with chimes and a memorial window. The funeral services were from her late home in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn the following Tuesday afternoon and burial was in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Baldwin of Longmeadow, three sons, Carl McRoberts, Frank McRoberts and James McRoberts all of Brooklyn. Also a granddaughter and three grandsons.

John L. Dunnell Dies

In the death of John L. Dunnell of Bernardston, 82 years old, that town has lost one of its best known successful business residents. For a time he lived in Northfield and built a grist mill here, also serving two years as a selectman. His residence here was for 24 years when he removed to Bernardston to conduct a grain and coal business. He died Tuesday, February 12. Surviving are his wife and two sons, a sister and his brother, George O. Dunnell of this town. Funeral services were the following Thursday at his home with burial in the Bernardston Center cemetery. He was born in Colrain, February 12, 1864 the son of Darius and Diantha (White) Dunnell.

The Cub pack of the Boy Scout organization in town are holding some interesting meetings and the members are proving themselves worthy of the co-operation of their sponsors.

To Leave Northfield

Mr. Gene Cullum, who since his coming to Northfield with his family to be connected with the American Youth Hostel in 1940, will leave here about March 15th to become state director of the work of the AYH in South Carolina. Mrs. Cullum and her four children will remain here until Mr. Cullum decides whether he will establish headquarters and find a home. During his stay here Mr. Cullum has been identified with many civic matters and his recent interest has led to the formation of the local PTA organization. The Friday night "movies" at the town hall which he established will be carried on by other members of the committee.

Mrs. Amos P. Fields

Information came here on Monday, February 11th of the death of Mrs. Amos P. Field at her winter home in Orlando, Florida at the age of 62 years, after a short but severe illness. She was a native of Wells, Maine and came here with her husband about 23 years ago. She was well known among many friends and she resided on the Ashuelot Road just over the state line in Winchester. Mr. Field died about four years ago. She was a member of the Baptist church of Orlando and active in its various endeavors. Funeral services were held at her home and burial was in the Orlando cemetery. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Alma Field and a brother, Roy Swazey of Wells, Maine.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Lois Pitkin, who has been on the staff of the Youth Hostel for the past three years, to Donald W. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Booth of Dorchester, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Pitkin of North Andover. Mr. Booth has just come to Northfield to become the New England regional director of the Youth Hostel and he was formerly with the Christian Science Monitor in Boston.

The Clothing Drive

The campaign of the National Clothing collection for the needy of foreign lands has been concluded and Mrs. David Hammond who was the chairman for the Northfield effort, reports that 4,300 garments were collected; 209 pieces of bedding; 396 pairs of shoes and 637 other pieces of clothing. Many letters were attached by the contributors and others enclosed from the children of our public school. Sorting and packing was done at the town hall by a large number of our citizens who fully co-operated and the completed boxes of which there were 96 and 15 bags of shoes were taken to the Greenfield Fire Station and from there shipped to a distributing warehouse at Salmon Fall, N. H. Already from the various storehouses the collected articles are being shipped overseas. Mrs. Hammond desires to thank all who assisted her in the local work and made the collection such a fine success.

The Red Cross Drive

Preparations are under way throughout the various county towns for the Red Cross campaign which will be conducted next month. Fred B. Dole of Shelburne will be the county chairman and the quota for the county will be \$41,375. Of this amount \$18,000 will go to the County Chapter and \$23,375 will go to the National headquarters. The sum of \$18,875 must be secured from the county towns outside of Greenfield, and the amount of the quota for Northfield is \$1500. Mrs. Cleland Cochrane has been named as chairman of the local committee and will be assisted by members of previous campaign efforts. George W. Carr has been designated as supervisor of the campaign in this district which includes, Mount Hermon, Leyden, Bernardston and Northfield. The canvas will begin March 9 and end on March 23.

The local Grange has held several card parties lately and they have proved most enjoyable events. The attendance is increasing and more parties are planned for the immediate future.

Members of the Womens Alliance of the Unitarian church at their recent meeting were given a talk and demonstration on the culinary arts by Miss Elsie Erhardt of the Western Mass. Electric Co. It proved most interesting and helpful. The Alliance plans to remodel the kitchen in the vestry of the church.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Forsaith Jr. in St. Peters hospital at New Brunswick, N. J. on Sunday, January 27. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Forsaith of this town. The baby's name is Barbara Dawn.

Plan Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the members of the Northfield Historical society will be held Tuesday evening, March 5 at 6:45 o'clock at the Bronson Inn and the guest speaker will be Judge Francis Nims Thompson of the county Probate court. Miss Elsie S. Scott, president of the society will preside. Reservations must be made in advance for the dinner. Judge Thompson who is very much interested in historical affairs of this territory, is active in the Pocumtuck Memorial society which maintains a museum in Old Deerfield and which has been visited by many thousands each year. He will speak of the Sheldon and Temple history of Northfield written in 1875 and of some of the activities of these men in historical matters. Judge Thompson has been a guest of the society on previous occasions and his message will be most interesting.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. F. Myron Dunnell of Main Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Arline Grace, to Mr. Winthrop H. James of 58 South Main Street, Brattleboro, Vt. No date has been set for the wedding.

Sherman Bartlett Dies

Sherman Nye Bartlett, died on Tuesday, February 5 and his body has been brought to Northfield for burial in the family plot in Center cemetery. He was born in Charlemont and was 76 years of age. His boyhood was spent here with the grandparents of Henry W. Russell in the home on Maple Street, and later he went to Connecticut and made his home at Rockville. His wife died about two years ago and there is a daughter, Mrs. Henry Endricks, who survives. There are two grandchildren

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Town Topics

Cpl. Richard Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris, formerly of this town has arrived from duty in the Pacific area and will receive his discharge. He will join his parents who are now located in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Connecticut Valley Bible conference met Tuesday, February 19 at the citadel of the Salvation Army in an all day session. Rev. E. W. Blackstone of the South Vernon church conducted the devotional services and speakers were the pastors of several churches in this vicinity. A number from Northfield attended the gathering

A son was born Saturday, February 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Laurie L. Harris Jr., of Bellmore, N. Y. Mr. Harris was recently released from naval service and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris, formerly of this town.

Cpl. Richard O. Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Bolton, who has been in the service for three years, spending the past year in India and China has received his discharge from the army at Fort Devens.

While in Bermuda on a visit, Louis Van Phelan recently suffered a broken leg. He was flown by air to Boston for treatment and now has returned to his home here on Main Street.

Town Topics

The town of Gill is raising a fund with which to secure a war memorial to its men in the war. Personal contributions now amount to \$700 and the fund will be increased by entertainments, dances and salvage sales. Many Mount Hermon men are assisting.

President Dr. William E. Park of the Northfield Schools will speak on "education" before the Orange Parents-teachers association on Wednesday, February 27.

According to R. A. Sheals of the Greenfield office of the USDA this territory may be sprayed from the air with a DDT solution to eradicate the gypsy moth which completely infests the district. He made the statement to a gathering of tree wardens and foresters.

The P T A meeting on Monday evening, February 11 in Alexander Hall was well attended. Gene Cullum presided and introduced the speaker, Dr. William G. Vinal of State college who gave a most interesting talk on the opportunities for nature study.

The service of dedication of the new electronic organ in St. Patrick's church was held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Henry J. McCormick and the audience completely filled the church. A large choir participated.

Mrs. Frank H. Montague entertained a meeting of the Book Club at her home on Tuesday afternoon, February 12 despite the fact that she recently suffered a fall and fractured her wrist.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright was the hostess to a number of friends, the 13th, at her home and entertained with cards.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Allen Sibley at the Franklin county hospital, Saturday, February 9.

Town Topics

With the accumulation of the heavy snow and ice upon the roofs of our homes the problem of water leaking through confronts many. Several residents have been busy taking off the snow and chopping into the ice to save damage in the interior. Long ladders are in demand.

Rustic Ridge and the grounds of the other summer colonies present an almost impassable traffic condition. The only way to get about is on skis or snowshoes. Summer residents who plan to make an early spring visit to their property should first enquire if it is possible to reach it.

A son, Robert Martin Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin Bullivant of Springfield on Friday, February 1st. Great grandson of William A. Wright of Lake Worth, Florida a former resident of this town. Mrs. Bullivant was the former Marion Goodnow of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Ober of White Plains, N. Y. spent a few days recently at their summer home on the heights at Obers Lookout.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church met Tuesday evening the 19th for their regular session. Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock and following James Fletcher of Pittsfield, a publicist spoke on business management. There was a goodly attendance.

Several groups of homeseekers have visited Northfield in the past few weeks looking for residence, only to go away with regret because nothing was available meeting their requirements. Mr. Hoeft reports that price is not so important as the modernization of the house desired.

Robert Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Russell, who was recently discharged from the service, has enrolled as a sophomore at Muskingum college in New Concord, Ohio for the second semester which opened January 25th.

Dr. David R. Porter, former headmaster of Mount Hermon School and recently with the Y. M. C. A. War Prisoners Aid is now located in Washington with the Library of Congress.

The many friends of Corp. Robert L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller were happy to greet him while spending a short furlough. He is attached to a medical unit on the SS George Flavel at San Francisco just returned from Manila.

The spring vacation of the Northfield schools is for Hermon, March 6 to 26 and for the School for Girls, March 21 to April 2.

The Sacred Concert of the Northfield Schools will be held in the Auditorium on Sunday, May 12.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gibson of West Northfield at the Farren Memorial hospital on Wednesday, February 13, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clough all of this town.

Announcement has been made of the birth of a son on Wednesday, January 23 to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Labelle of West Swanzey, N. H. who were formerly residents of South Vernon.

Robert E. Mooers, MoMM1c of Saugus visited at the home of Major and Mrs. William Marshall last weekend. He had just returned from Washington, where he was awarded the Navy Cross for bravery in action. Until recently he was a member of the submarine Bowfin but is now stationed at submarine base at New London, Conn.

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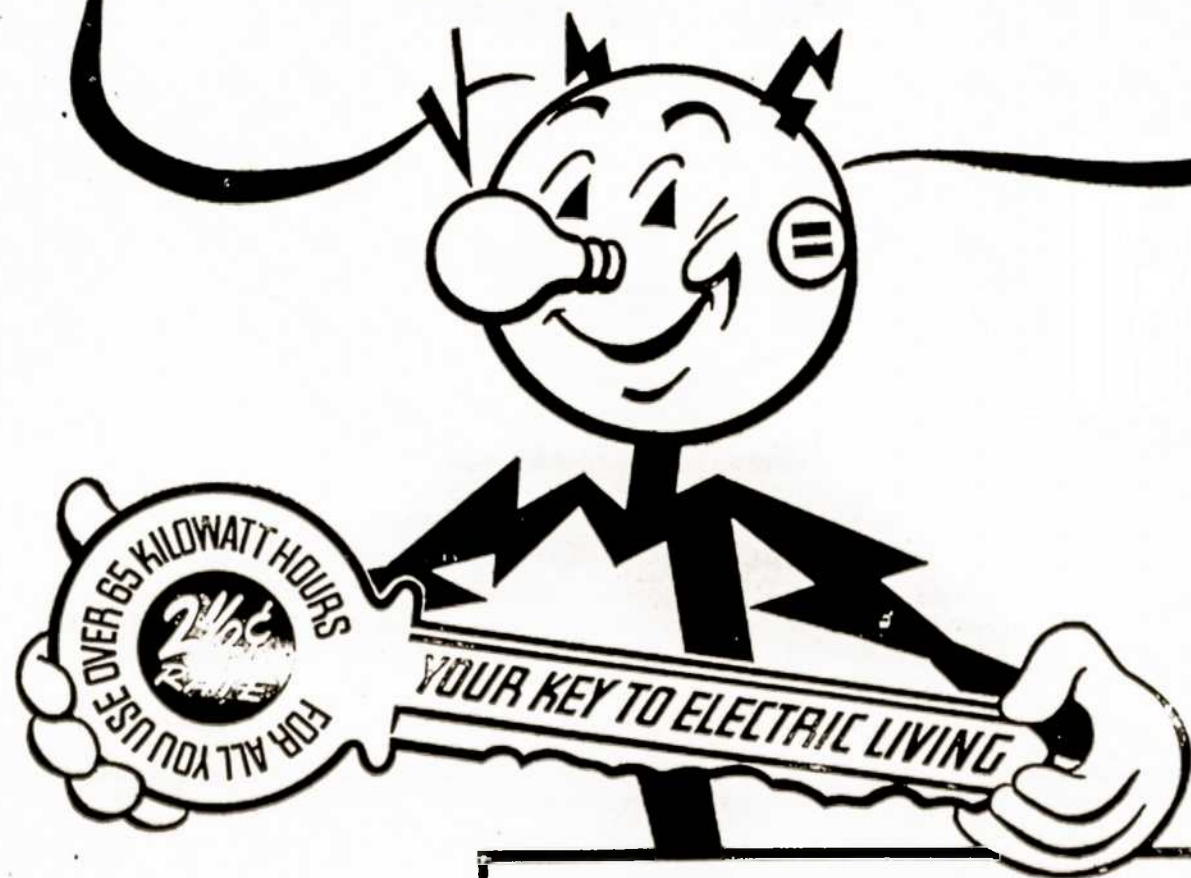
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